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Channing, Ellen to Anna [Parsons]

My dear Anna,

Pardon my seeming negligence in answering your note-- When Mr Channing was here, I told him of my conversation with you, and said also that I should like very much to have you come & stay with me & do the copying that we spoke of; but that my house is now so full of people that there is not a quiet nook where you could write; & I should leave it entirely to him & Mr. Emerson to decide whether it could be sent to you-- Mr. Emerson thought he must have it done here under his own eye to be of any service at this point, as there are little passages & quotations &c, which could not be sent away; therefore he employs a young nephew who lives in his house-- I intended long since to tell you this, but have been overwhelmed with company & fatigue-- Mr E did not therefore send any thing to you--

I shall certainly write to Mr Cranch & ask him for his letters, & will you be kind eno to send me his direction as I do not know where he is at present?

Mother is with me-- We were speaking of you yesterday & saying we wished you would come & pass a day with us; but better when we are more quiet--

Our Margaret was indeed very present in this anniversary week but my soul was filled with heaviness-- I feel her presence always--she cannot be far from us! Mother sends her love to you, & says she wishes much to see you-- I hope dear Anna you may find strength in the country air-- I wish you were to be near us that I might see you often-- I feel that I might find strength & support in your strong faith & spiritual eye--

With gratitude for your love to our departed one & sympathy for us who miss her presence

Yours

Ellen Channing

Concord July 31st

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Love and -

July 31st [1851?]

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